Assassination Records Review Board
Final Determination Notification

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RECORD SERIES : STAFF PAYROLL RECORDS
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AGENCY INFORMATION

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GANNON, THOMAS M.
Name of Employee

Address

Address

Phone Number

Position Title

Position Number — Level — Step

OFFICE OF THE CLERK
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PERSONAL LEAVE RECORD

1977
YEAR

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: 12-13-76

PRIOR FEDERAL SERVICE: Years ...... Months ......

ANNUAL LEAVE CATEGORY
1.0 ☐
1.5 ☐
2.0 ☐

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD FROM PRECEDING YEAR

Annual Leave	Sick Leave
—	—

Month	Day of Month (1–31)	Accrued This Month Annual Leave	Accrued This Month Sick Leave	Available This Month Annual Leave	Available This Month Sick Leave	Used This Month Annual Leave	Used This Month Sick Leave	Balance at Close of Month Annual Leave	Balance at Close of Month Sick Leave	Employee Initials
Jan.		1	1					1	1	
Feb.		1	1					2	2	
Mar.		1	1					3	3	
Apr.		1	1					4	4	
May		1	1					5	5	
June	13: X, 14: X, 15: X, 16: X, 17: X	0	0	5	5	5	0	0	5	
July										
Aug.										
Sept.	Terminated June 17, 1977									
Oct.										
Nov.										
Dec.										

[/] = 0.5 day annual leave
[X] = 1.0 day annual leave
[S/] = 0.5 day sick leave
[S] or [S/S] = 1.0 day sick leave
[A/] = 0.5 day administrative leave
[A] or [A/A] = 1.0 day administrative leave
[U/] = 0.5 day unauthorized absence
[U] or [U/U] = 1.0 day unauthorized absence
[half shaded] = 0.5 day leave without pay
[shaded] = 1.0 day leave without pay

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

Employee's Signature (If employee refuses to sign, state reason below.) — Date — Chief's Signature — Date

Approved: Clerk of the House — Date

This record will be forwarded to the Clerk of the House at the end of each calendar year, or in case of termination, along with the request for termination. Upon approval, the record will be filed in the employee's official personnel folder.

EXHIBIT I

June 16, 1977

Thomas M. Gannon, S.J.
Jesuit Community
Georgetown University
37th and O Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20007

Dear Tom:

I want you to know how much the Committee and I appreciate your service and how much we regret that you will no longer be a member of the staff.

You have our best wishes always.

Sincerely yours,

Louis Stokes
Chairman

LS:tle

(202) 225-4624

Select Committee on Assassinations
U.S. House of Representatives
3342 HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ANNEX 2
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

June 3, 1977

Mr. Thomas Lambeth
Acting Director
Select Committee on Assassinations
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Lambeth:

I hereby resign from the staff of the Select Committee on Assassinations, effective two weeks from today, at the close of business on Friday, June 17, 1977.

Very truly yours,

Thomas M. Gannon, S.J.

Thomas M. Gannon, S.J.

TMG:eb

PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION FORM

(Please Use Typewriter or Ballpoint Pen)

U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, D.C. 20515

(Any erasures, corrections, or changes on this form must be initialed by the authorizing official.)

To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Thomas Gannon, SJ	6/17/77
Employee Social Security Number	**Type of Action**
180 30 1309	☐ Appointment ☐ Salary Adjustment ☒ Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
2. ☒ Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 465 of 95th Congress.
3. ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number______________ If applicable, Level________ Step________

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date June 14, 19 77 ______________________
(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Louis Stokes
(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman
(Title—If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED: ______________________
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:

Office Code__________

Monthly Annuity $__________.00

FO 6/15

Copy for Initiating Office or Committee

June 6, 1977

Thomas M. Gannon, S.J.
Select Committee on Assassinations
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Tom:

This is to acknowledge receipt and acceptance of your letter of June 3, 1977, resigning from the staff of the Select Committee on Assassinations effective on the close of business on Friday, June 17, 1977.

I regret that we will be losing you, but wish you the best of luck in your new position.

Sincerely,

Thomas Lambeth,
Acting Director

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, D.C. 20515

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To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Thomas Gannon, SJ	5/1/77
Employee Social Security Number	**Type of Action**
180 30 1309	☐ Appointment ☒ Salary Adjustment ☐ Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
	$20,000

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
2. ☒ Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 465 of 95th Congress.
3. ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number________ If applicable, Level______ Step______

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date May 10, 1977

[signature]
(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Louis Stokes
(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman
(Title—If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED:________________
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:

Office Code________

Monthly Annuity $______.00

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, D.C. 20515

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To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Thomas M. Gannon, SJ	4/1/77
Employee Social Security Number	**Type of Action**
180 30 1309	☐ Appointment ☒ Salary Adjustment ☐ Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
	$42,400

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
2. ☒ Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 465 of 95th Congress.
3. ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number________ If applicable, Level______ Step______

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date April 29, 19 77

[signature]
(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Louis Stokes
(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman
(Title—If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED:__________________
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:
Office Code________
Monthly Annuity $________.00

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, D.C. 20515

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To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Thomas M. Gannon	2-1-77
Employee Social Security Number	**Type of Action**
180-30-1309	☐ Appointment ☒ Salary Adjustment ☐ Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Select Committee on Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
	$12,300.

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
2. ☒ Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 11 of 95 Congress.
3. ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number________ If applicable, Level________ Step________

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date 2-28-77, 19____ ______________________
(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Henry B. Gonzalez
(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman
(Title—If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED: ______________________
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:

Office Code________

Monthly Annuity $________.00

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, D.C. 20515

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To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Thomas M. Gannon	1/3/77
Employee Social Security Number	**Type of Action**
180 30 1309	☐ Appointment ☒ Salary Adjustment ☐ Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Select Committee on Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
	$13,000.

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
2. ☒ Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 11 of 95th Congress.
3. ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number______________ If applicable, Level________ Step________

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date________________________, 1977 ________________________________
(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Henry B. Gonzalez
(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman
(Title—If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED:________________________________
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:

Office Code__________

Monthly Annuity $__________.00

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, D.C. 20515

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To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Thomas M. Gannon	12/13/76
Employee Social Security Number	**Type of Action**
180 30 1309	[X] Appointment ☐ Salary Adjustment ☐ Termination (At close of business on effective date)
Employing Office or Committee	
Select Committee on Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
Staff Counsel	$20,000

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

1. ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
2. [X] Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 1540 of 94th Congress.
3. ☐ Joint Committee.

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(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number_______________ If applicable, Level________ Step________

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date December 15, 1976

____
(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Thomas N. Downing, Chairman
(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Select Committee on Assassinations
(Title—If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED:_______________________________
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:

Office Code__________

Monthly Annuity $__________.00

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: All Staff Employees

FROM: Budget Officer

DATE: January 3, 1977

RE: Payroll Certification

Starting with the January, 1977 payroll, the certification to the House Finance Office requires, among other things, the relationship, if any, of each staff employee to any current Member of Congress (those taking office January 3, 1977).

The following are the relationships to be included in the certification:

father	nephew	brother-in-law
mother	niece	sister-in-law
son	husband	stepfather
daughter	wife	stepmother
brother	father-in-law	stepbrother
sister	mother-in-law	stepsister
uncle	son-in-law	half-brother
aunt	daughter-in-law	half-sister
first cousin		

All staff employees are requested to complete this form and return it to the Budget officer.

Approved
Richard A. Sprague

I am not related ✓

I am related by the following relationship ____________

Thomas M. Gowan [signature]
Signature of Employee

January 17, 1977
Date

Resume of:

THOMAS M. GANNON, S.J.

Local Address:
4520 Chester Avenue
Philadelphia, Pa. 19143
Phone: 215-387-9048

Personal Data:
Born Philadelphia, Pa., August 31, 1938
Entered Society of Jesus, August 14, 1960
Ordained to Roman Catholic Priesthood, June 6, 1970
Admitted to Bar of New York State, March 3, 1975

Legal Education:
New York University School of Law
J.D., June 1974
New York University Law Review--
Staff Member, 1972-1973; Associate Editor, 1973-1974
Publications: Comment, "Constitutional Law -- Fourth Amendment--Evidence Obtained by Illegal Search and Seizure is Inadmissible in Civil Tax Proceeding--Government Has Burden of Going Forward With Untainted Evidence to Support Deficiency Notice," 48 N.Y.U.L. Rev. 197 (1973)--See attached reprint
Annual Survey of American Law--Invitation extended, declined
Review of Law and Social Change--Invitation extended, declined
Participation in Moot Court Competition, 1st year
Academic Record--See attached transcript

Pre-Legal Education:
University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana
B.A., magna cum laude, June 1960. Major, History
Fordham University, Bronx, N.Y.
Ph.L. (licentiate), cum laude, June 1964. Major, Philosophy
Fordham University, Bronx, N.Y.
M.A., February 1966. Major, American Literature
Woodstock College, New York, N.Y.
B.D., honors, June 1970. Major, Theology

Employment:
Special Master, fall 1976 In re Japanese Electronic Products Antitrust Litigation, M.D.L. 189, c/o 15613 U.S. Courthouse, Philadelphia, Pa 19106

Law Clerk to the Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., United States District Judge, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, 1974--present.
15613 U. S. Court House
Philadelphia, Pa. 19106

Employment (cont.)

Associate Editor, America Magazine, 1969-1974,
Contributing Editor, 1974-present.
Executive Editor, Catholic Mind magazine, 1969-1971
106 West 56th Street
New York, N. Y. 10019

Coordinator, Ad Hoc Committee on Disposition of Woodstock College Library, summer 1973. (The committee negotiated with the State University of New York at Stony Brook, Yale Divinity School, Georgetown University, Catholic University, and Fordham University for eventual disposition of the 150,000 volume library.)
Woodstock College
New York, N. Y.

Research Assistant, summer 1972
Office of General Counsel
United States Catholic Conference
1312 Massachusetts Ave., N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

Secretary, Board of Trustees, 1971-1973
St. Joseph's Preparatory School
Philadelphia, Pa.

Chaplain, summer 1970
Georgetown University Hospital
Washington, D. C. 20007

Secretary, Advisory Committee, Maryland Province of Society of Jesus, 1967-1969. (The committee coordinated planning for the personnel--700 men--and institutions--five colleges and universities, six senior high schools--of the Maryland Province.)
5704 Roland Avenue
Baltimore, Md. 21210

Instructor, Theology, spring 1969
Mt. St. Agnes College
Baltimore, Md.

Instructor, English, 1968-1969
McKinley Technical High School
Washington, D. C.

Instructor, Latin and English, 1964-1967;
Moderator, Yearbook, 1964-1967;
Moderator, Film Seminar, 1965-1967
Member, Academic Council, 1966-1967;
Assistant Coach, Junior Varsity Football Team, 1966
Loyola High School
Towson, Md.

Employment (continued)

Assistant Chaplain, 1961-1962
Berks County Prison
Reading, Pa.

Laborer/Clerk/Assembly Line Worker, summers 1957 through 1960
Ford Motor Company
Chester, Pa. and Pennsauken, N.J.

Apprentice Electrician, summers 1955 and 1956
H. B. Frazer Company
Philadelphia, Pa.

References:

Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr.
United States District Judge
United States District Court
Eastern District of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pa.

Professor Norman Dorsen
New York University School of Law
New York, N. Y.

Professor Charles Lyon
New York University School of Law
New York, N. Y.

S. Stephen Rosenfeld, Esq.
Chief, Government Bureau
Office of the Attorney General
Boston, Mass.
(on leave as Associate Professor of Law
New York University School of Law
New York, N. Y.)

Richard A. Givens, Esquire
New York Regional Director
Federal Trade Commission
New York, N. Y.

FERDINAND FARMER RESIDENCE
4520 Chester Avenue
Philadelphia, Pa. 19143

~~215-386-2824~~ (215) 387-9048

November 29, 1976

Richard A. Sprague, Esq.
1622 Locust Street
Philadelphia, Pa. 19103

Dear Mr. Sprague:

When we talked the other week, you asked that I write to you to state formally my interest in working on the staff of the House Select Committee on Assassinations, and to tell you when I would be ready to go to work.

As I told you during the interview, I am extremely interested in working as a member of the committee's staff. I look forward with enthusiasm to such an opportunity.

I spoke with Judge Higginbotham last week, and it appears that my duties in connection with my appointment as a special master will be essentially over within the next two weeks. I have also inquired about living arrangements in Washington, D.C. While nothing is definite yet, I am confident that I can find a room in one of the Jesuit communities there--most probably at Georgetown University--within the next two weeks as well. As a result, I can assure you that I will be ready to go to work in Washington, D.C., on Monday, December 13, 1976.

One last item--in accordance with your suggestion, I have been doing some background reading on the scope of the investigatory powers of Congressional committees.

Thanks again for taking time out of your busy schedule to see me. With every best wish, I am

Sincerely yours,

Tom Gannon

Thomas M. Gannon, S.J.